

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:420
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2003
SULPHUR FREE DIESEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to introduce sulphur free diesel in Delhi;
- (b) if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether sulphur free diesel is much cleaner fuel than the CNG which is at present used in Delhi;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government propose to phase out CNG and to bring in sulphur free diesel; and
- (f) if so, by when?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

- (a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.420 BY L. VENUGOPAL TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST AUGUST, 2003 REGARDING SULPHUR FREE DIESEL

(a) & (b): Presently, diesel conforming to Bharat Stage-II equivalent to Euro II emission norms (0.05% maximum sulphur content) is being supplied in Delhi. In line with the recommendations of the Expert Committee headed by Dr. R.A. Mashelkar on Auto Fuel Policy, it is proposed to introduce Euro-III emission norms (0.035% maximum sulphur content) in Delhi with effect from 1st April, 2005.

(c) & (d): As per report of the Expert Committee, the emission results of Bharat Stage-II diesel bus and CNG bus manufactured by the Original Equipment Manufacturer show that while CNG has an advantage in terms of Particulates and Oxides of Nitrogen, the Carbon Monoxide and Hydrocarbon emissions in respect of CNG are higher.

(e): No Sir.

(f): Does not arise in view of (e) above.